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LEADING DAILY "LE NOUVELLISTE" PRINTED FIVE YOUNG-RELATED ARTICLES IN ITS AUGUST 16 ISSUE APPEARING TODAY. THEY SUMMARIZED THE VISIT, REPRODUCED THE USIS-PREPARED TRANSCRIPTION OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S OPENING REMARKS AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE, REPORTED MRS. YOUNG'S ACTIVITIES, AND EXPLAINED WHY A REPORTER ASKED A QUESTION IN ENGLISH AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

THE MOST PROVOCATIVE, HOWEVER, WAS A CRITIQUE ENTITLED "AROUND A 'PRESS CONFERENCE'" WHICH MAINTAINED THAT THE EVENT WAS A CALCULATED, DELIBERATE PLAN TO ALLOW MR. YOUNG TO MAKE A STATEMENT BUT NOT TO ALLOW TIME TO BE QUESTIONED.

AFTER HIS OPENING REMARKS, SAID LE NOUVELLISTE, "MOST OF THE JOURNALISTS DID NOT HAVE TIME TO ASK QUESTIONS TO THE THE VISITOR. IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT THAT TWO AMERICAN REPORTERS WHO HAD ACCOMPANIED MR. YOUNG ON HIS TOUR WERE ABLE TO ASK ONE QUESTION EACH, IN ACCORDANCE WITH A SCENARIO CLEARLY PLANNED IN ADVANCE AND WHICH WAS TO PERMIT AMBASSADOR YOUNG TO COMPLETE HIS OPENING STATEMENT."

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THE PAPER EXPRESSED CHAGRIN AT NOT HAVING HAD A REPORTER OF ITS OWN AT THE PALACE, SAYING THAT "REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AMERICAN PRESS WERE ADMITTED...BUT AS IT WAS EMPHASIZED TO US BY AN OFFICIAL OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION, THE HAITIAN PRESS WAS NOT INVITED THERE."

LE NOUVELLISTE CONCLUDED THE ARTICLE BY NOTING THAT AMBASSADOR YOUNG WAS "AT TIMES CLOSED, ALMOST SOMBER DURING THE MORNING PRESS CONFERENCE, BUT RELAXED AND SMILING AT THE AIRPORT."

FOLLOWING THE ABOVE ARTICLE WAS A SUMMARY OF A VOA REPORT WHICH SAID THAT PRESIDENT DUVALIER "EMPHASIZED THAT THE MOST GUILTY (POLITICAL PRISONERS) WOULD BE TURNED OVER TO JUSTICE AND THAT HE ENVISIONED CLEMENCY FOR THE OTHERS."
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